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a processor which determines when the connection request fails and further determines a parameter which identifies a communication protocol reason for the failure and the number of times the same communication protocol reason for the failure has occurred.

23. (Amended) A method of requesting connection to a wireless communication system comprising:

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- transmitting a first connection request; and
- determining when the first connection request fails;
- assigning a parameter which identifies the failure has occurred and the number of times the failure has occurred; and
- transmitting a second connection request, wherein the second connection request includes the parameter.

44. (New) A mobile station for use in a wireless communication system comprising:

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- a transceiver which transmits a connection request to the wireless communication system; and
- a processor which determines when the connection request fails and further determines a parameter which identifies a failure that has occurred and the number of times that the failure has occurred.

45. (New) The mobile station according to Claim 44 wherein the failure comprises a communication protocol failure.

46. (New) A mobile station for use in a wireless communication system comprising:

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a transceiver which transmits a connection request to the wireless communication system; and

a processor which determines when the connection request fails and further determines a parameter which identifies the failure that has occurred and the number of consecutive retry.

47. (New) The mobile station according to Claim 46 wherein the failure comprises a communication protocol failure.

REMARKS

Claims 18-27 and 44-47 remain pending in the present application. Claims 18 and 23 have been amended. Claims 44-47 are new. Basis for the amendments and new claims can be found throughout the specification, claims and drawings as originally filed.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claim 18 is rejected under 35 U.S.C 103(a) as being unpatentable over Spear (US 4,811,380) in view of Wicher et al. (US 5,608,643). Claims 19-21 are